

Remarks

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-22 are in the case. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The examiner has rejected claims 1-6, and 11-16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Patriche et al. US 6,499,609. Applicant respectfully traverses. The claims are not anticipated. It is well settled that “A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is not found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” See MPEP 2131. Applicant includes “at least one chassis management module” in independent claims 1 and 11. At least this element is missing from the Patriche et al. reference.

The examiner has parsed the wording of claim 11 and has apparently attempted to equate the components in applicant’s claim(s) to components disclosed in Patriche et al. Applicant respectfully asserts that the examiner’s comparison is wrong. The examiner apparently equates applicant’s chassis management module (CMM) with Patriche et al.’s shelf unit 14. As illustrated FIG. 2 with reference numerals 30, and 32, and described in paragraph [0010], of applicant’s disclosure, “The CMM may monitor, control, and ensure proper operation of the modular platform”. The “at least one chassis management module” recited in applicant’s claim 11 (and claim 1) is not a shelf unit, which as disclosed in Patriche et al. in col. 2 line 42, merely supports “a plurality of printed circuit board assemblies 16 mounted side by side”. Patriche et al.’s shelf unit 14 is an inert structural member that serves no managing function. To highlight the difference applicant has amended claims 1, and 11 to now read “at least one chassis management module designed to at least partially control and at least partially ensure proper operation of the modular platform boards”. Support can be found in paragraph [0010] as discussed.

Patriche et al. does not disclose a CMM, or anything similar to, or analogous, to a CMM. Therefore Patriche et al. can not have anticipated applicant’s claim 11, or

claim 1. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests the examiner reconsider the rejection under section 102(b) and allow claims 1 and 11.

Claims 2-6 depend from and include all the limitations of claim 1. Similarly, claims 12-16 depend from and include all the limitations of claim 11. At least by virtue of being dependent on allowable claims (as discussed) applicant respectfully requests the examiner reconsider the rejection under section 102(b) and allow claims 2-6, and 12-16 as well.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

The examiner has rejected claims 7-10, and 17-22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Patriche et al., in view of Harris et al. [US 2003/0235042]. Claims 7-10, depend from and include all the limitations of base claim 1. Similarly, claims 17-22 depend from and include all the limitations of base claim 11. At least by virtue of being dependent on allowable claims (as discussed) applicant respectfully requests the examiner reconsider the rejection under section 103(a) and allow these remaining claims in the case.

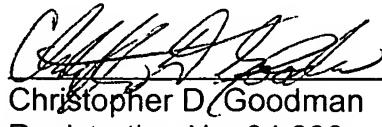
Conclusion

Applicant submits all the claims in the present application, specifically claims 1-22 are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 796-2496. Also, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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